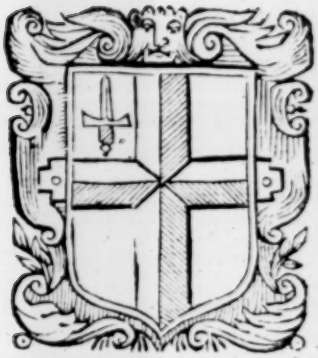

Com' Concil' tent' in Cam'a Gui'hald Civit' London' *die* Veneris *decimo quinto die* Junij 1694. *Annoq; Regni Dom'* Will' *& Dom'* Mariæ *nunc Regis & Reginæ Angl', &c. sexto, coram* Will' Aſhhurſt, *Mil' Major' dictæ Civit'*; Roberto Clayton, *Mil'*; Patienc' Ward, *Mil'*; Will' Pritchard, *Mil'*; Roberto Jeffryes, *Mil'*; Thoma Lane, *Mil'*; Edr'o Clark, *Mil'*; Franc'o Child, *Mil'*; Ric'o Levitt, *Mil'*; Thoma Cook, *Mil' Alderman' &* Thoma Abney, *Mil'*, & Will' Hedges *Mil', Vic' & Alderman' dictæ Civit' nec non major' Parte Coi'ar' dictæ Civitat', in eod' Coi' Concil' tunc & ibm' Aſſemblat'.*

This day the following Act paſt into an Act of this Court.

Whereas by a Clauſe in an Act of Common Council made the twentieth day of July, in the ſeventh Year of the Reign of King Charles the Firſt, in the Majoralty of Sir Robert Ducy, It was amongſt other things Enacted

acted in the words following, That the Lord Mayor of this City, for the time being, shall not at any time hereafter choose or elect any Commoner of this City to be Sheriff of the City of London, and of the County of Middlesex, so long as there shall then be an Alderman of the City Eligible to the said Office.

Which said Clause, in respect of Accidents or Circumstances, may not at all times be convenient to be practised.

And whereas by another Clause in an Act of Common Council, made the sixth day of June, in the thirty fifth Year of King Charles the Second, in the Mayoralty of Sir William Pritchard, Knight; It was amongst other things Enacted in the words following, That the Person who shall be Nominated and Elected according to ancient usage by the Lord Mayor of this City, for the time being, to be one of the Sheriffs of the City of London and County of Middlesex, and such Election shall be declared to the Commons of the said City assembled in Common Hall upon the twenty fourth day of June, shall there by the said Commons be confirmed and allowed to be one of the Sheriffs of the said City and County accordingly: And that upon proposing the said Person to be confirmed to the said Common Hall, in case any Hands shall

ſhall be holden up in token of Confirmation, the ſaid Perſon ſhall be taken to be confirmed and allowed, and then another Perſon ſhall be choſen by majority of Hands to be the other of the ſaid Sheriffs, and to join with him that ſhall be ſo confirmed.

Which ſaid Clauſe being not only repugnant to reaſon, but contrary to the Rules and Methods of Elections;

Be it therefore Enacted by the Mayor, Aldermen and Commons in Common Council aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame, that the ſaid ſeveral Clauſes before-recited, and either of them, and every Article and Thing contained in them, or either of them, ſhall be, and are hereby repealed, annulled and made void.

And Whereas by ſeveral Acts of Common Council, the Election of Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Bridgmaſters, and Auditors of the Chamberlain and Bridghouſe-Accounts, and Aleconners, are appointed on Midſummer-day yearly, except the Sheriff or Sheriffs, Chamberlain, or other of the ſaid Officers, for the time being, ſhall die, or for juſt Cauſe be removed: And whereas in ſome years (as in this preſent year) Midſummer-day hapneth to fall on the Lords day, commonly called Sunday, which ought to be kept holy, and is a neceſſary and required

quired part of the ſervice of God, and enjoyned by the Laws and Statutes of this Realm;

Be it therefore Enacted and Declared, That from henceforth, whenſoever Midſummer-day ſhall happen to be on the Lords day, commonly called Sunday, that the Election of the Sheriffs, Chamberlain, Bridgmaſters, Auditors of the Chamberlain and Bridghouſe Accounts, and Aleconners, ſhall be on the day next following, any Act or Acts, or any other Uſage to the Contrary notwithſtanding.

Goodfellow.

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